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CAMH is revolutionizing our understanding of the brain and the causes, biomarkers and treatments of mental illness.



Personalized Care

By understanding diverse groups, we prevent, diagnose and care for each one with greater precision and personalization.



Prevention and Policy

Using evidence, we drive system and social change to optimize care and reduce the burden of mental illness, including addictions, across populations.

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Fuelling the next generation of groundbreaking research and innovation dedicated to finding the causes of and cures for mental illness.

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We are in the grips of a crisis that ruins health, threatens lives and hurts economies. Knowing the facts is the first step in creating hope.



Mental Health Statistics

The latest facts and statistics on mental illness and addiction, who's affected and their impact on Canadians.

- Addressing Stigma

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Challenging the stigma associated with mental illness takes understanding, education and a closer look at our own attitudes toward health.

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As one of the leading mental health centres in the world, CAMH is revolutionizing the way society looks at and cares for life-altering health challenges.

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The Mental Health Facility of the Future

Turning what was once a walled institution into a symbol of hope for the future of mental health care.



Vision & Guiding Principles

How do you replace an institution with an urban village? Lots of planning, imagination and a long-term commitment to serving patients, staff and the community.



History of Queen Street Site

Our history—evolving from an asylum into a modern health facility with patients at the centre of care—is the history of mental health care in Canada.

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[CAMH's Provincial System Support Program collaborates to support the province's Mental Health and Addictions Strategy and make sustainable, system-level change.](#)

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Building the Mental Health Facility of the Future

The physical transformation of our Queen Street West site is turning what was once a walled institution into a symbol of hope for the future of mental health care.

Erecting New Walls That Break Down Old Ones

Reimagining the Queen Street site to modernize and integrate patient care, research, education, health promotion and prevention activities in one location will, of course, have a huge impact on service delivery and outcomes. But it will also create a space that, by its very physical nature and openness, is more inclusive, respectful and dignified and helps break down stigma. Everything the Mental Health is Health movement is about.



Our Guiding Vision for the Future

It was a bold plan from the beginning. Rooms with views and natural light. Green space. Indoor and outdoor spaces that reduce patient stress, enhance healing and raise staff morale. Integration with the surrounding community instead of walled in and cut off from it. An urban village in place of an institution.

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The Next Phase Is Now

We've come a long way since wrecking balls and shovels first hit the ground in 2006. And with the groundbreaking on the third phase in October 2017, we've now embarked on the boldest chapter in the evolution of CAMH and the Queen Street site. When construction is completed, two new hospital buildings, with approximately 600,000 square feet of space, will feature 235 inpatient beds, a 24/7 Emergency Department, a 300-seat auditorium, a unique "therapeutic neighbourhood" for patients, and much more.

"Our new buildings will be so much more than walls, floors and ceilings. They will be respectful and dignified places that promote healing and recovery. They will be a powerful symbol of CAMH's move away from institutionalization and towards integration within our community. And they will serve our academic mission to advance mental health research, nationally and globally," said CAMH President and CEO Dr. Catherine Zahn.

One of the major benefits of these new facilities will be the co-location of research and education spaces adjacent to clinical care, creating collaborative opportunities for knowledge exchange, discovery and learning that will improve care as well as advance knowledge.

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Dr. Catherine Zahn, CAMH President and CEO

The McCain Complex Care and Recovery Centre

This new signature building, made possible by the generosity of Michael H. McCain and his family, will house a number of facilities for both in- and outpatient services, including 110 beds for inpatients with serious and persistent mental illness like schizophrenia and mood disorders.

- Inpatient complex mental illness units, all with views of therapeutic green space
- Simulation Learning Centre
- Temerty Centre for Therapeutic Brain Intervention
- "Therapeutic neighbourhood" supporting skills development and other programming to enhance recovery
- Research and Education facilities
- Library and Patient & Family Mental Health Education and Supports (open to the public)
- 300 seat auditorium

CAMH Crisis and Critical Care Building

The new Crisis and Critical Care Building will house a number of programs and relocate all emergency and inpatient services currently located at CAMH's College Street site to the main site, making integrated care that much easier.

- 24/7 Emergency Department
- Partial Hospital Program
- Inpatient complex mental illness units, all with views of therapeutic green space
- Telemedicine and Outreach Services
- Transitional Age Youth Day Program (formerly Board of Education classrooms)

Beyond 2020

Planning is already underway for the next phase of construction which will replace CAMH's existing facilities for those patients with complex mental illness who have encountered the legal system. Construction could start as early as 2021.



The McCain Complex Care and Recovery Centre is one of two new CAMH hospital buildings that will feature 10 therapeutic art installations.

Seeing the Vision Through From Start to...

2005

CAMH receives approval and funding from the province for construction of Phase 1A.

2006

April

Official groundbreaking on the first phase (Phase 1A) marks start of construction for Queen Street Redevelopment Project.

2008

June

Four Alternate Milieu buildings open with 24 bedrooms each for CAMH's Addiction and Mood & Anxiety Programs.

2009

May 1

Official renaming and dedication of the McCain Building.

2009

September 25

Inauguration and handover to the City of Toronto of the Paul E. Garfinkel Park.

2010

February 24

Demolition of the 1956 Administration Building begins to make way for Phase 1B construction.

2010

April 6

Official groundbreaking on the second phase (Phase 1B).

2010

September

Construction on the first non-CAMH building, located at Queen Street West and Ossington Avenue.

2010

September 25

Unveiling ceremony of nine memorial plaques in honour of asylum patients whose labour was used to build the historic wall.

2010

November 10

Official renaming and dedication of the Carlo Fidani Family Building.

2010

December 9

Official renaming and dedication of the Peter and Shelagh Godsoe Building.

2011

June 22

City of Toronto approval to rename New Street as Stokes Street, in honour of Professor Aldwyn B. Stokes, and Freedom Street as Lower Ossington Avenue.

2011

July 26

Official renaming and dedication of the Ward Family Building.

2011

November 16

The Beamish and Labatt families are recognized with announcement of wings in the Intergenerational Wellness Centre to be named after each family.

2012

June 21

Official opening of the new Intergenerational Wellness Centre, Bell Gateway Building and Doctors Association Building.

2017

October 2

Official groundbreaking on the third phase (Phase 1C), including the McCain Complex Care and Recovery Centre and CAMH Crisis and Critical Care Building.

2020

Grand Opening of two new CAMH buildings on Queen Street West: McCain Centre and Crisis and Critical Care Building.

2021

Predicted groundbreaking for next phase (Phase 1D) to replace existing facilities for patients with complex mental illness who have encountered the legal system.

History of the Queen Street Site

Trace our roots and changing mission, from the Provincial Lunatic Asylum to 999 Queen, to the founding of modern CAMH.

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First Nations Land Acknowledgement

CAMH has the honour of being situated on lands that have historically been occupied by First Nations for millennia. Toronto and its surrounding area are the traditional territories of the ancient St. Lawrence Iroquoians, and later the Huron-Wendat Nation and the Seneca of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. Today the guardians of the land are the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. CAMH especially acknowledges that the Queen Street site is the historical place of camping and holding Council for the Mississaugas. CAMH is committed to reconciliation and is working toward new relationships and partnerships that include First Nations, Inuit and Métis, as we share this land together for the betterment of future generations.



CAMH Redevelopment Update: February 2019

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